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U B Campus Chest Joins Barnumania: Independence Day Celebration - Saturday

Barnumania Will Be Divided Into Many States

The Kingdom of Barnumania, surrounded entirely by the University of Bridgeport, will be partitioned into states, according to an announcement this week by the Minister of Internal Purpetrations, Robert C. Levine.

Each state will be turned over to an organization whose sole duty will be to raise finances for the treasury of the Kingdom. A state tax will be levied on each person who plans to take advantage of the resources of the individual states.

The governments of the individual states will finance their own state capitols with all income received during the Independence Day celebration being used to foster the "Barnumania Plan" for aid to Worthy Charities.

Each state will receive an assigned plot of ground on the front and east side of the palace to set up all business ventures. The means of raising funds must be cleared through the Minister of Internal Purpetrations to make sure that all devices used are fair and just on the basis of skill, rather than by luck or chance.

The King and Queen of Barnumania, to be picked by decree of the Grand Council of Purps, will make their appearance to reign over the Independence Day celebration.

Mayor Jasper McLevy and Governor John Lodge are expected to send ambassadors to the Kingdom during the afternoon or early evening.

When the Ambassadors arrive, envoys will be dispatched to Hartford and to City Hall of Bridgeport to return the diplomatic courtesy of these two neighboring governments.

Organizations Must Sign Now For Choice Locations

Organizations which join the Kingdom of Barnumania must finance their own fund-raising businesses, it was announced yesterday by Judy Feller and David Miller, co-Purpetrators of Finance.

As was done in past years, all decorations, gimmicks and prizes from the groups must be paid for out of the group's funds and not from income received from the state taxes paid by the citizens of Barnumania.

The buildings, or tents for the state capitols will, however, be provided for by the National Treasury. An outside contracting firm has been engaged to provide structures for those organizations that need them.

Proclamation

TO THE PEOPLE OF BARNUMANIA

BE IT YE KNOWN THAT—

WHEREAS, the good people of BARNUMANIA have, by acclamation, thrown down their books and declared themselves to be free and independent agents of their own destiny with the right to form their own nation, and:

WHEREAS, the people have, by popular demand called upon THE GRAND PURP COUNCIL to establish a governmental system under which they, the good people of BARNUMANIA may be ruled, and under which they may pursue that which may satisfy their economic wants, and:

WHEREAS, THE GRAND PURP COUNCIL has, after deep and thoughtful consideration, adopted by a great majority, and do herewith and hereby decree, the following to be the law of the land of the good people of BARNUMANIA:

IT IS DECREED: That the form of government under which BARNUMANIA shall advance to the highest degree of efficiency is that of a limited monarchy, and therefore it is incumbent upon the council to elect, as soon as is possible and practicable, a MONARCH, since continuity is the essence of success to our government, each monarch shall take the name of KING PHINEAS T. PURP as each succeeds to the throne. It is also felt that since no matter how exalted the position of KING OF BARNUMANIA, he is still of the species homo sapiens and, therefore, it is further decreed that there shall be also elected a queen consort. Of course, the queen shall be subservient to the king. Such queen shall be known as CHARITY PURP.

IT IS DECREED: That since the power to establish the aforementioned government has been given to THE GRAND PURP COUNCIL, it is therefore further decreed that such council shall have the power to amend, repeal, establish, and otherwise alter the CONSTITUTION OF BARNUMANIA.

IT IS DECREED: That the GRAND PURP COUNCIL shall have the power to elect, each and every year, a succeeding RULER and QUEEN CONSORT by council decree if it so desires. This decree shall become final and irrevocable upon publication.

IT IS DECREED: That, henceforth, the boundaries of BARNUMANIA shall be encompassed by and extended to that area of Bridgeport, Conn., U.S.A. which was formerly known as the University of Bridgeport and the territorial sovereignty of BARNUMANIA shall be complete and unyielding.

IT IS DECREED: That those persons wishing to become citizens of Barnumania may do so by swearing or affirming allegiance to our magnificent ruler KING PHINEAS T. PURP and QUEEN CHARITY, and by paying on April 18, 1953, this date henceforth to be known as PURP INDEPENDENCE DAY, at the palace gate, the sum of 25¢, hard money, at which time a Purp citizenship card will be issued. Such card will entitle bearer to participate in the grand PURP INDEPENDENCE DAY celebration. All such citizenship cards shall be recorded at the Purp Census Bureau Office.

IT IS DECREED: That, henceforth, hereafter and forever, the flag of BARNUMANIA shall be a PURPLE FEATHER upon a field of WHITE and such flag shall be given and accorded all respects due the flag of a great nation.

U B Chest To Aid Kingdom Carry Out Charitable Aims

The University of Bridgeport Campus Chest Committee, recognizing the humanitarian philosophy behind the founding of the Kingdom of Barnumania, has voted to join with us and help us carry out our charitable aims.

The Chest, in previous years, has sponsored activities to raise funds for the support of many worthy charities and will continue to do so with the aid of the Kingdom's Grand Council of Purps.

Texas Denounces Our Cession From The Union

The sovereign state of Texas has denounced the action of the Grand Council of Purps to break away from the United States and form the Kingdom of Barnumania.

In a hastily-scrawled and poorly spelled diplomatic note Texas announced that such action "is reserved for the Lone Star State."

Despite this souring note, the UN has announced its decision to consider the application sent for admission to the United Nations Security Council. "We believe that we are taking more definite action than some United Nations members show they are capable" the letter asking admission stated.

It is expected that the request will receive another of the now-famous Russian vetoes. Barnumania is pro-west and Russia has shown that, in the past, no western nation could stand the "betting odds" to entry into the five-nation inner council.

But getting back to Texas, that state has the audacity to accuse us of stealing "a Texas idea" in planning the formation of a limited monarchy here at Barnumania.

In defiance of this Texas mandate, Prime Minister Purp Raubvogel has announced that "no Texan can expect to receive the courtesy of Barnumania until we receive an official diplomatic apology." He further stated that all Purps (Barnumanian citizens) would henceforth be armed when they visit Texas. Visas will be issued with reluctance.

The Purpetrator of Export, however, has decided that trade between Texas and Barnumania would continue. Purple Feathers will still be traded for a certain amount of Texas Bull.

Groups Must Decorate From Their Own Funds

Organizations still wanting to join the Kingdom of Barnumania as states should make it a point to contact Minister of Purpetrations Robert C. Levine as soon as possible with plans for their industries.

The sooner the states join, the better position they will have for trade. Only one border station will be used for the Independence Day festivities. It will be the main gate at the front of the Palace grounds.

According to an edict from the Palace, The Campus Chest Committee will hereafter be considered citizens of the first order of Barnumania and will have full rights of citizenship.

The final decision to merge was made at a closed meeting held in the Inner Chambers of the Palace late last week.

The Constitution of the Kingdom of Barnumania from this day forth will be the final authority over all matters that have to do with the UB Campus Chest including the April 18 Carnival which has been rededicated "Barnumania Independence Day."

Anyone may join the Kingdom of Barnumania on April 18, when the borders will be opened for an anticipated entry of nearly 1,000 immigrants who will flock to Barnumania as a result of its just laws on charity and fun.

For a tax of 25¢ per person, payable at the border gate, anyone may have the rights of citizenship. Citizenship papers will be given to all upon entering the Kingdom.

As an added interest, the many states of the Kingdom will be holding "open house" at which time all citizens may test their skill and art at the states' main industries and businesses.

The Grand Council of Purps has also decreed that the Kingdom shall last for one day only, disbanding at the end of the independence festivities and returning to the United States of America; until such time as there is again a need for its existence.

According to Grand Purp Historian, this move is similar to one planned for Texas earlier in the century. This Texas move was tabled time after time until, as of publication date of this paper, the idea has been dropped.

Barnumania has already appointed a Grand Council of Purps to run the nation until a King and Queen can be decided. Several candidates are believed to be in the running for the titles, but the Council of Purps has refused to make any comment.

The King and Queen will reign over the day's ceremonies, with a formal abdication expected late in the evening.

Governor John Lodge, of Connecticut, and Mayor Jasper McLevy, of Bridgeport, have both been requested to send official representatives to the Independence Day ceremonies.